

REMARKS


Further to the Notice of Allowability mailed November 26, 2008, Applicants have amended claim 4 (antecedent issue), and added new dependent apparatus claims 18-24 that recite features of corresponding allowed dependent method claims 2-6, and 11-12. No new matter is added.

The amendment is needed for proper protection of Applicants' embodiments. The proposed amendment does not require additional search or examination as the new claims are dependent claims comprising features of dependent claims already allowed. The Applicants submit that the claims remain patentable for the reasons provided in the Examiner's Notice of Allowability. The omission of the dependent apparatus claims was only recently noticed in a review of the claims as allowed.

This amendment is being filed before the payment of the issue fee.

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